

VISITATION PARISH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 5, 2021



M A S S S C H E D U L E

Sunday Masses

Saturday.....4:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturday3:00 pm

Weekday Masses (St. Joseph Chapel)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday..... 8:15 am
Saturday..... 8:15 am

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

By now, all parishioners should have received a 2022 Annual Appeal packet in the mail. We hope you will take time to read our parish annual report as well as the other materials in the mailing. Please prayerfully consider your support of Visitation Parish for the coming year, complete the online pledge form or return the paper form at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions about the annual appeal, your pledge or giving at Visitation, please contact Megan Burdolski at 753-5155 x1305 or megan@church.visitation.org. *If you are currently using our automated giving options, please see below.*

ATTENTION AUTOMATED GIVERS!

Visitation Parish is changing giving providers in calendar year 2022. If you are contributing via bank draft or credit/debit card through Visitation, please note that account numbers are encrypted so we are unable to transfer your information. *We need your help in changing your gifts to our new system!* If you have already utilized the new 2022 Annual Appeal online pledge module to set up your gifts or have returned your 2022 pledge form with account information, then you are fine. If you have not yet done so, please visit the website at www.visitation.org and click on the 2022 Annual Appeal banner in the center of the page or return your pledge form with full account info ASAP. If you have any questions or need assistance, contact Megan Burdolski at 753-5155 x1305. *P.S. We will need your security code for credit/debit card transactions.*



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE & WELCOME DECEMBER 5 AT 8:00 AM MASS

With the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome, our parish embraces 5 adults and 1 child into our community as catechumens and candidates seeking full initiation into the Catholic church.

**Please pray for Leslie, Skeet, Ian, Hank,
Kolton and Kathryn Grace.**

OUR SYMPATHY TO

Kathleen Lusk on the death on her sister, Mary Gugliuzza.

PRAYING FOR OTHERS
HELPS US STAY
CONNECTED TO GOD AND
TO ONE ANOTHER.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Maggie O'Neill

Suzanne Adams
Tina Amaro
Pamela Atherton
Barbara Kopp Atkinson
Maggie Quirarte Bates
Marilyn Frechin Blank
Dorothy Bock
Leonardo Borders
Mary Ann Brown
Mike Caraway
Shari Caraway
Marianne Carl
Beverly Cascone
Joanne Comiskey
Olivia Connealy
Jimmy Connell
Hunter Cook
Polly Donnelly
Allie May Dudenhoeffer
Tom Fraley
Shana Gadt
Susie Haake
Brooke Kuechler Harris
Mike Henninger
Joe Irwin
William Jewell
Jaquie Kallman
Peg Kallman
Shirley Kempker
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Thomas McNamara
Tricia Melland
Birdie Mendence
Mary Montgomery
Joe Noblitt
Jennifer Olson
Charles Oppenlander
Nicholas Parscale
Leonardo Passantino
Connie Perucca
Pat Piranio
Nicola Pistone
Peggy Pruitt
Quinn Regan
Carol Riesmeyer
Ellie Rose
Forrest Rowe
The Ryan Family
The Saalberg Family
Jeff Schilling
Fran Schuetz
Barbara Schulte
Aimee Sesler
Bill Sharp
Sandra Sharp
Sharon Smart
Special Intention
Jeannie Sullivan
Peter Thompson
Tripp Thompson
Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Annabelle Whalen
Dave Wittrock
Leigh Ann Zeller

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Major Philip Martin, Vicenza, Italy; Maj. Chris Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Maj. Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Airforce Base; Staff Sgt. Louis Perez, San Diego, CA.

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Members of the Visitation Racial Healing discussion group were warmly welcomed at St. James United Methodist Church on November 21. The visit coincided with the 66th anniversary celebration of St. James including video presentation of the church history, video interviews with parishioners on how they found "church" in the months of the pandemic,



and Rev. Cleaver's interview with two youth about the future of the Church.



Members of Visitation parish who are completing the 8 week Racial Healing study and discussion group joined the St. James United Methodist Church for worship on Sunday. Members of the group include Bryan McGuire (and family), Dave & Peg Ekerdt, Linda Hughes, Pauline Dolan, Deb Sicoli, Kristin Kratoofil, Mandy Ketchum, Angela Florez, Mary Gigliotti, and Karen Miller. Also in the group but not pictured: Alex Stucky,

Janet Ridder, Tricia Maxfield, Marie Effertz and Fr. Pat Rush.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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S.O.R. is a religious education program that serves the children of Visitation and their families. We gather in the St. Joseph Chapel on Mondays from 5:15 - 6:15 pm.



SAVE THE DATE - Intergenerational Family Faith Event, December 20.

- ***While the kids are in class...***

On December 6, Fr. Charles Rowe will be at Vis to offer the Sacrament of Penance to parents and godparents during class time.

- Parents and any parish adult are invited to reflect on God's forgiveness during the Advent season. We have been using the booklet "Forgiveness: Choosing to Receive and to Give" from the Little Rock Scripture Study series, "Alive in the Word."

FINAL SESSION - December 13 - *Sharing in the Mission of Jesus.*

PEACE TREE



ADVENT PEACE TREE

Gift tags are in the narthex this weekend! Our Advent Peace Tree collection is a long-standing Visitation tradition. There are 14 different parishes, programs and entities that serve the needs of the poor and depend on the generosity of our community during this season of giving. Please plan to pick up a gift suggestion tag today. All donations need to be returned by next Sunday, December 12, with the gift tag affixed. Should you have any questions, please email Marny Sherman at msherman@mlpholdings.com or call her at 509-2892.

HELP IS NEEDED FOR OUR ADVENT PEACE TREE COLLECTION

- ⇒ Volunteers needed before or after Masses to carry Peace Tree gifts to storage.
- ⇒ December 12 - Sort Peace Tree gifts. Volunteers meet in Tighe Hall after 8:00 am Mass.
- ⇒ December 13 - Deliver Peace Tree gifts. Volunteers meet in Tighe Hall at 8:30 am.

To volunteer or to learn more about these opportunities or ways you can support this effort, please contact Marny Sherman at msherman@mlpholdings.com or 509-2892.



GOLDEN SHAMROCKS



ST. NICHOLAS LUNCHEON

Celebrate the season with the Visitation Golden Shamrocks! All senior members of the parish are invited to our St. Nicholas Day soup & salad luncheon (vegetarian/guluten-free options available.) Bring your wrapped or unwrapped white elephant gift(s) (wrapping makes it more fun) for White Elephant Bingo—you can play even if you don't bring a gift! Join us tomorrow - Monday, December 6 - at 12:00 Noon in Tighe Hall.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Visitation has an immediate opening for a parish secretary. If you know some one who may be interested please direct them to this link: <https://recruiting.paylocity.com/recruiting/jobs/Details/810210/Available-Positions/ReceptionistSecretary>.

ABOUT TOWN

FUNDRAISER FOR OUR SEMINARIANS – CHILI DINNER - TODAY!



Come join in the fun and support our Seminarians! Hot bowls of chili, hot dogs, salad, desserts, & drinks! You may pick up "take-out" chili if you like!

Today, Sunday, December 5 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at St. Thomas More, in "More Hall"
Adults, \$10, Children \$3, Family \$25

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MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 7- 12

Tuesday, December 7
6:45 am Martin Gilbert †
8:15 Robert Wasson †

Wednesday, December 8
6:45 am Mae Brown †
8:15 am Martha Beckers †

Thursday, December 9
6:45 am Becca Lueke †

Friday, December 10
8:15 am Dianne Szluha †

Saturday, December 11
8:15 am Sonny Sizemore †
4:00 pm Denny Hart †

Sunday, December 12
8:00 am People of Visitation
10:30 am Michael Siragusa †

PARISH BOUNDARIES

State Line on the West to Oak St. on the East;
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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe
BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick by appointment
Msgr. Offutt, and Chris Sanders

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Chris Sanders to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Chris Sanders

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

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Ombudsman, Joe Crayon 812-2500
Victim Assistance Coordinator,
Whitney True-Francis 392-0011

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 392-0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

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BAPTISM

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In November we welcomed four children to their new life in Christ through the saving waters of baptism. Welcome to the Church....

- ◇ **Grace Margaret Angermeier**, child of God, daughter of Brad and Meagan
- ◇ **Conall Charles Leroy Foley**, child of God, son of Erin and Sean
- ◇ **Noah Sue Miller**, child of God, daughter of Casey and Whitney
- ◇ **Savannah Journey Ewell**, child of God, daughter of Alexa and Kaleb

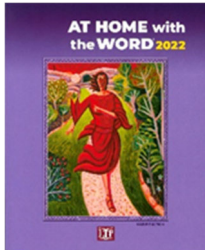
BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR NEW PARENTS

Visitation offers a Baptism Preparation class for new parents six times a year. The next class will be **Saturday, December 18 from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the church**. We will prayerfully walk through the Rite of Baptism and learn about the meaning of the ancient and rich Sacramental symbols.

- New parents are required to complete Baptism preparation prior to their child's baptism.
- All are welcome! Parents who would like a "refresher," or godparents wishing to deepen their understanding of Baptism, are encouraged to attend the class.
- To learn more, contact Teresa Albright at 753-5155 x1306 or visit the Baptism page on our website to begin planning for your child's baptism.

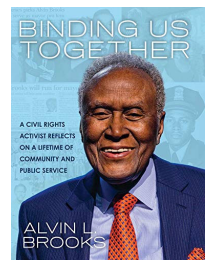


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Parish Book for 2021-2022 – Join others in our faith community who are reading this year's parish book, *Binding Us Together*, a memoir by Alvin L. Brooks. Pick up your free copy today from the church narthex or parish office.



PASTORAL CARE

PICTURES FOR ALL SOULS MONTH

November has passed and we are grateful for this time to share and pray for our loved ones who have died. Please pick up your loved ones' pictures from the table in the narthex at your earliest convenience. Thank you for sharing them with us during this month of remembrance.

